



Mental Health Transformation Grant

Cultures of Trauma Informed Care network 180 - Michigan

Local Service Area: Kent County, MI

Primary Service Focus: Trauma and Justice

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Evidence-Based Practice(s): Seeking Safety

Project Description The Kent County Mental Health Transformation Grant focuses on one strategy, trauma-informed care (TIC) for system transformation, and one evidence-based practice (EBP), Seeking Safety (SS). Limiting our focus to one strategy and one EBP allows for a concentrated system change effort, including a comprehensive and expanded implementation of TIC throughout the mental health system and by SS training, monitoring, and treatment in specially trained service providers. This system focus benefits from a continuing emphasis on consumer involvement and culturally competent interventions. The project addresses fundamental system barriers to TIC/SS effective service provision with aggressive work force development initiatives, clinical supervision and coaching for staff providing TIC/SS services, and a system change effort to integrate SS services into existing payment structures. Significant network180, organizational, and provider policy and program changes will be generated in this effort.